Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

SHOUT
SHARE
IT

62.89

LIBRARY
RECEIVED
★ MAY 15 1934 ★
U. S. Department of Agriculture

May 1, 1934.

GARDENSIDE NURSERIES, INC.
SHELBURNE, VERMONT.

"ONLY THE BEGINNIN' FOLKS, ONLY THE BEGINNIN'!"

May truly begins the garden year, for, while the earliest spring flowers have come and gone, the real glory of the garden comes with warmer weather. Particularly is this true this year, for as this is written, here at Shelburne we have had blooms only on Anemone vernalis. In other words, our plants are still dormant, and in the best of condition for shipping.

This circular supplements earlier lists, but does not cancel them. The issue of March 1, contains practically a full list of the plants we grow, and we will gladly mail you another copy on request. In this we direct your attention to a number of items of particular interest at this time, which will flower this year, if planted at once. And we also wish you to note that all of the early flowering plants can be put out in May, to flower next spring, if not before.

The past winter was extremely severe, and caused many losses in gardens and nurseries. If your garden has suffered, it is still early enough to replant and have bloom this year. Many plants are very difficult to obtain, this year. We advise you to make several second choices in ordering, in case we are unable to supply the exact sorts you want. THESE PRICES INCLUDE DELIVERY, under our regular terms and conditions. See Page 1, March 1 circular.

****

DWARF BEDDING DAHLIAS.

We have never offered tender annual plants, but in the Coltness, and Unwin hybrid strains of Dwarf Dahlias, we have found some very fine material to give color to the summer and fall garden; to provide small blooms for picking, all thru the season; to plant where a perennial has been lost, or to cover bulbs; and to replace the ubiquitous Geranium in formal bedding, in cemetaries and parks. They represent a real value, too for the summer home owner, in the mountains or at the lake shore, who wishes to plant after opening camp, and have flowers from the first day until the last, for on a half dozen plants, one will never be without some blooms. Perhaps you have seen the enthusiastic articles about them in the better garden magazines. In England, they are very popular.

These Dahlias are grown from seed, and the colors vary from singl red, thru bronze and yellow shades, to rose and pink. Many semi-double and even fully double forms are now available, but as the seedlings are mixed we cannot send any particular color. A 3" potted plant usually has a well developed bud. Planted outside, after mid May, they promptly flower, and continue until frost, developing into compact bushy plants about two feet high, and many carry a dozen open flowers at a time. A light wrm soil, without excess lime, is best for Dahlias, but these have grown well on heavy clays.

We offer fine plants, from 3" pots, carefully packed and delivered at the following prices. No plants shipped before May 15th, but after that they will be available until July.

Single plants, 35¢ each; 3 plants for $1.00; 10 for $3.00; 25 for $5.00.

NEW SHRUBS.

We are still able to supply most of the new shrubs, offered in the January circular. The past winter was an extreme test of these, and we are happy to report at this time, that all have survived temperatures of thirty below zero.

VIBURNUM FRAGRANS.

Viburnum fragrans is similar in bud and bloom, to V.carlesi. It has the same waxy, pinkish white flowers, the same Arbutus fragrance, and an even earlier blooming date. In the Middle West, it often flowers in February, in mild winters. But in growth, and in leaf, it is entirely different. It is a strong, upright, bush, 6-8' high, with sturdy stems, brown clad, with brownish leaves, downy on the under side. In many ways, it resembles our native Arrowwood. We predict that when it is known, it will displace V.carlesi, for it is more easily grown, and is, in our belief, stronger and hardier.

V.fragrans needs a sandy dry soil for best growth, we find. While the flower buds expand very early, the leaves follow slowly, and on wet heavy soils, the plant seems to suffer at this time. After growth develops, it grows well, maintains growth until late in the year, and if covering for protection is attempted, it should not be done until the wood is given every chance to ripen, by exposure to cold. We have it growing in the open nursery row, and never lose a stem from cold. But we notice that plants in wet ground, are smaller.

3" potted plants, 4--6" high, $1.00 each, postpaid.

VIBURNUM CARLESI.

Nice young plants of the Mayflower Viburnum, on their own roots. About 12-15" high, branched. $1.00 each, postpaid.

PHILADELPHUS AMALTHE.

This fragrant new Mockorange, offered in the January circular, is available in a few strong, young, field-grown plants, about 12" high.

$1.00 each, postpaid.

CORNUS KOUSA

The Korean Flowering Dogwood has survived the most severe winter in years, without damage. We recommend it to replace Cornus florida.

Strong 2-3' bushy plants, $1.50 each, not postpaid.
Heavy 3-4' bushy plants, $2.50 each, not postpaid.

HYPERICUM.

A splendid yellow flowering, midsummer bloomer, -an erect shrub, about 4' high, which is thought to be a fine form of the southern Hypericum prolificum. Useful in the front of taller shrubs.

12-18", branched, 50¢ each, postpaid.
Specimens 2-3', $1.50 each, postpaid.

EVERGREENS FOR HEDGES.

Have you ever wished that you might have an Evergreen hedge,about your garden,-or about your grounds,for that matter? If you have,and have not planted one,it is very likely that the question of cost has stood in the way. Perhaps we can help you to a hedge,at a price you will be glad to pay.

During the years when almost any kind of a tree had an immediate sale value,we took up from the surrounding fields and woods,many thousands of native Arborvitae,Hemlock,and Spruce.Fortunately,we did not plant many large trees in the Nursery,but we bedded small seedlings in large quantity.These now must be moved,and as we do not care to put them into our fields,we are offering them at extremely low prices.

To make a hedge from any of these Evergreens,they should be put into a close row,almost as thickly as they can be planted.With larger plants,a definite spacing can be used,but with these,each plant should be considered.Generally speaking,from four to six inches will give a good appearance,at once.If low,close clipped,formal hedges are wanted, as for edging a formal garden,it may be necessary to set a double line of trees,particularly with Arborvitae,or with Hemlock.

Shearing should be done as soon as the trees are planted,so that the immediate development will be along the desired lines.It is very possible to keep Arborvitae hedges to a height of 12-18",and Spruce and Hemlock,only slightly higher,if clipping be done regularly,and the desired height be kept always in mind.Do not let your hedge exceed the height you wish,at any time.And always shear it to be a little wider at the ground,than at the top.That will keep the sides green.

ARBORVITAE.

Commonly called White Cedar,this Evergreen makes a very desirable hedge plant.It shears easily,grows rapidly,transplants readily.It looks well at all times.It will thrive in a wet soil,and grows on dry hillsides.Can be kept to one foot in height,if closely sheared,and the roots cut back each year,with a sharp spade.

Transplanted seedlings,6-12" high,good roots and tops,shipped without soil,at customers expense,by express.Not less than 25 sold.
25 for $1.00;50 for $1.75;100 for $3.25;250 or more,3¢ each.
Similar plants,12-24" high.Good roots,some rather slender-
25 for $1.50;50 for $2.50;100 for $5.00;250 or more,4¢ each.

- -

HEMLOCK.

Hemlock makes a beautiful dark green hedge,shears readily,can be kept quite small.It has always been more expensive than Arborvitae.

Transplanted seedlings,shipped without earth,at customers expense.
8-12" high,-25 for $1.50;50 for $2.50;100 for $4.50;250 for $10.00
12-18" high,-25 for $2.50;50 for $4.50;100 for $8.00;250 for $17.50

- -

SPRUCE.

Spruce,either Norway or White,makes a fine tall hedge,and is so close as to be impenetrable,when close clipped.We offer either sort.

Strong,12-18",bushy plants.25 for $3.75;50 for $7.00;100 for $12.00.

SMALL,POTTED,HARDY PLANTS.

A great many of the different plants,which we offered in the January circular,as being grown to order,in small pts,have sold so very well that we can no longer supply them.But a number of the very best, and most popular sorts,are still available.Please note that we can no longer supply these 2" potted plants in varieties not listed here.

PRICED AT--20¢ each;5 for 75¢;10 for $1.25;postpaid,-unless noted.

ANDROSACE SARMENTOSA.

In January we said'we consider this one of the finest Rockery plants',and we have not changed our minds.Our bed in the field has come thru the severe winter unharmed,which cannot be said for a great many supposedly hardy plants.And as the small plants we have growing inside,have bloomed,we have been struck again by the dainty grace of the heads of tiny pink flowers.We offer strong one year old rosettes potted and started into growth.These will flower soon,and will then throw out silky runners,like a strawberry plant,at the end of which will form the rosettes,which will flower next year.The attractive, silky gray,rosettes,mat thickly on a bank,and help hold it.And in Spring they are a mass of pink,tiny flowers in an inch wide umbel,on three inch stems.Likes a dry sandy place,well drained,in full sun,but must not be too exposed in mid-summer.

ANEMONE SEPTEMBER CHARM.

This Fall flowering Anemone is a hybrid between the taller forms of japonica,and the dwarf hupehensis.It flowers in September,here,and is safely ahead of frost.The growth is small and compact,to a foot or 15" high,and the bright pink flowers are borne in great profusion. We want to take this opportunity to explain to many of our customers who have ordered this plant,and have not yet received it,that it is very slow to become well rooted in Spring,and cannot be gotten ready for delivery,until well into May.It does not begin to grow strongly until warm weather,and then makes up for lost time.Order now,and you will surely have flowers this Fall.

CHRYSANTHEMUM AMELIA.

We are sold out of this dwarf pink early flowering Mum,until June. Young plants,put into the garden,even as late as that,will form a nice plant,this year,and flower.Orders filled in rotation,as received.We do not guarantee to supply.25¢ each;10 for $2.00.

CAMPANULA BELLARDI MIRANDA.

One authority says this is the finest plant Farrer ever brought back from Thibet.No plant in our grounds,so took the attention of visiting Nurserymen,last summer,which is good proof of its value.It grows only 3-4" high,forms a mat of small light green leaves,and bears its pale blue,tubular bells,in profusion,nearly all summer.It is very permanent here(we have good reports of it elsewhere);always attractive; will carpet poor stony soil,yet is not overly rampant.It may,as well, be planted in a wall,or to trail over stones in the rockery.Full sun does not harm it.We have a plentiful supply.

DOUGLASIA LAEVIGATA.

This mounded tuft of a plant,from the Pacific Coast,is a treasure. It grows readily in our sandy loam,in full sun,and it went thru the past winter,in a bed outside,with only a little straw for cover,and is in fine shape this spring,already showing its flower buds.Inside,it has already shown us its tiny pink flower heads.Well grown plants are three inches across,perfectly formed ovals,and the flowers cover the entire plant,on 1-2" stems.We have a fair supply,at 25¢ each.

TEUCRIUM CHAMAEDRYS.

We still like this plant,to replace Boxwood for a small clipped edging in a formal garden.During the past winter,plants on wet ground have suffered,but on well drained soil,they are in good shape.Young plants from small pots,put out at once,in a single row,will make a neat close border,ready for clipping,by midsummer.Also good as a specimen plant in the Rockery.Very attractive,with its dark green, glossy leaves,and spikes of rosy purple flowers.

THYMUS SERPYLLUM

For planting in walks,and on flagged terraces,this is the best plant of which we know.It stands constant treading,quite well,and is not harmed at all by the occasional step.When in flower,it is a mat of bright red flowers.Perfectly hardy,requires no protection,here.It is also fine as a single plant in the rockery,or to carpet steep slopes in the garden.The foliage in spring and fall,is deep bronzy red.Even these small plants may be divided,when planting.Grows easily.

VIOLAS.

All Violas have sold exceptionally well this year,and at this time we have left only **four**, in quantity to permit offering.

MAGGIE MOTT.A plentiful supply of this finest of English bedding Violas The color is a deep mauve,the flowers extra large,rounded,and nicely fragrant.We cannot begin to describe this plant.When first we became interested in Violas,some years past,we read in English works that it was the finest sort grown,in its color and in many ways,in any color, and that statement is still true today.These young plants,from 2" pots will flower soon after you get them,and continue well into the summer.
25¢ each;10 for $2.25;100 for $20.00,postpaid.

PORTLAND GEM.This is a slightly different blue,from Jersey Gem,more slaty colored,and the yellow eye is more distinct.It has wintered best of all,outside,and is already in flower,in the field,which no other Viola is,at this date.Good plants,25¢ each;10 for $2.00.

JERSEY GEM.Still the most popular Viola,and worthily so.Available in young plants,recently potted in 2" pots,that will flower in late May.

WHITE JERSEY GEM.The white form of Jersey Gem,is very attractive,for use as a foil for the deeper colors.It is permanemt,and is,if anything better the second year,than the first.

- -

Unless noted otherwise,the above at-20¢ each;5 for 75¢;10 for $1.25.

- -

NOW THAT MAY IS HERE,-
A page of gossip.

One of the reasonswhich caused us to abandon the printed catalog, in favor of these regular circulars,was that it would enable us,at times,to send you word of things in the Nursery.So far,we have failed to do this,until now.And it seems there are many things we want to tell you,so that it is a fine time to start.

The winter,just past,was very severe,everywhere in the East.Nearly everyone has a story of low temperatures,and losses,to tell.We won't repeat much that we could tell,but there were days in February,when it was 15-18 degrees below zero,at midday.And every day that month,was sub-zero,at some time of day or night.Peach trees have stood these extreme lows with the loss of the flower buds,tho in a few cases,the trees are killed outright.The Korean Dogwood,has survived well.So has Viburnum fragrans.Forsythia buds are killed.

In Perennial plants,we lost an entire bed of three year old Stokes Aster(Stokesia).Hemerocallis flava,was another casualty.On the other hand,Poppies wintered better than usual,and Heucheras are extra fine this Spring.We have never had the Coral Bells to offer,in such good stock,and in such quantity.All of the sorts offered in the March list, are available,except Sanglant.Did you ever use these plants as an edging ? They are fine that way.The foliage is lovely,even when not topped by flowers,and planted in front of hardy pinks,or with the Veronicas, such as Erica,Incana,or Corymbosa,used as contrast,the combination is charming.Another fine background for Heucheras,is Anthericum ramosum.

On the whole,Phloxes wintered better than for some seasons,and we have to feel that a really cold winter is better for them,than a mild one.We are sold out of Camillo Schneider,one of the finest reds,but we can supply all of the others,in very dormant stock,from the field.And another Phlox,the subulata,is still dormant,and has wintered in very fine shape.We have all the sorts we list,in young stock,that will give you flowers this season,if ordered at once.

Not in years has there been so little growth showing,on May 1st. We can send you plants more fully dormant,at this time,than we often have in mid-April.A look over the fields shows Hemerocallis;Hybrid Lupins;Trollius;Veronicas;Iris sibiricas;Heleniums;Platycodon;all,just showing above ground.And of course many other items are the same way.

A new Perennial that we are offering,this year,is Rudbeckia,Golden Globe.True,it is an improved Golden Glow,a tall strong grower.But the flower heads are so nearly round as to suggest the name.Any Rudbeckia is hard to sell thru the mail,but customers who stopped here last summ all bought it.And the local florists,took every good flower,at times,as fast as they opened.

We have some of the finest Japanese Lilies(auratum and speciosum) that we have had in years.They arrived too late for sale last Fall,and have kept so well in our new storage,that they are perfectly hard,and dormant.Planted now,they will surely bloom,this Fall.Regals,and their forms-Princeps and Shelburne Hybrids-are still dormant,and plentiful. Candidum is in the field,but has scarcely started into growth.And we still have Tenuifolium;Henryi;Concolor;Canadense;Amabile;and Callosum.

If this page of gossip interests you,we'd be glad to have you tell us so.

THE EARLIEST SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS.
Order them now.

The early Anemones,and some of the other plants,which burst into bloom,just as soon as the snow leaves the garden,die down soon after flowering,and are dormant,or else are making their leaf growth,during May and June.For that reason,they may be planted during those months with much of profit to the gardener.Both those that die down,and those that maintain a leafy growth thru the summer,will increase in size, and become well established for winter,which they will not do,if not planted until fall.And if you wait until next Spring,to buy them,they may flower in the mails,and reach you in full,but faded glory.

ANEMONE VERNALIS.This is the first of the Anemones to flower,and is in full bloom,now.To us,it is the most charming spring flower.The large white cups,flushed pink,unfold from their wooly covering,as soon as the earth warms at all.While the plant is never large,it may have several crowns,and a bed of a dozen or more,will have flowers for two weeks,we find.It grows readily in a light,rather poor soil,in full sun
25¢ each;10 for $2.00;18.00 per 100;$150.00 per thousand.

ANEMONE PULSATILLA.Following A.vernalis closely,is this lovely Pasque flowerof the Alps.It is taller,in growth,and carries more flowers,and has a larger range of colors.We have it in the pale violet which is its usual form.We also have it in reddish purple,and in varying shades between.And then there is the white form,a lovely clear pure color, that makes one hold ones breath,because of its sheer beauty.
Violet or Red(state which)-25¢ each;10 for $2.00;$18.00 per 100.
White--50¢ each;5 for $2.25;10 for $4.25.

DODECATHEON MEADIA.Sometimes called American Cowslip,or Shooting Star. A native woodland plant,that has taken to our soil,and is truly a fine sight,when in bloom.The stems are often,18" high,and the white or pink flowers,in good-sized umbels,have their petals entirely reflexed from the pistil and stamens.Each flower heads in a different direction,and the effect is of being poised for flight.We shall have some excellent plants to send out,this May,and because of the late season,if you will order promptly,you will get flowers at once.25¢ each;10 for $2.00.

CORYDALIS BULBUSA.This early bulbous flowering plant is almost like a pink Dutchman's Breeches.It is very permanent on dry soils,and if planted well up in the Rockery,may be depended on to flower,at about this time,and increase to make a good clump.It is really very choice and rare,and we have difficulty in keeping sufficient stock,to fill orders.Good corms,ready in June.50¢ each;5 for $2.00.

DICENTRAS--CANADENSIS AND CUCULLARIA.These little bulbous plants of our woodland,-known to children as Squirrel Corn,and Dutchman's Breeches-are so charming in early spring,along with the Bloodroot,as they carpet whole hillsides of sparse growth,or even in full sun,that each year,we feel we should make a special effort to sell them.They do not require any space,the corms like to lie along a stone,or at the base of a ledge.They will grow around the base of a shrub,or almost anywhere,and coming so very early,they make a refreshing patch of gree to brighten cold spring days.For June delivery only,at this low price.
Either sort,15¢ each;10 for $1.00;100 for $8.00;1000 for $75.00

SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS.Bloodroot.Should be planted with the Dicentras.
Prices,same.

FALL FLOWERING BULBS.

In fall,when the Rockery is bare,save for foliage,it is possible to have showy flowers appear,as if by magic,from the soil,and continue to brighten the garden for weeks.The fall flowering Crocus,the Colchicums,and Lycoris,all flower in this way.Growth is made in the spring,after which the leaves die down,and not until fall,do the flowers appear.During this dormant period,in midsummer,is the time to plant them.

Except for Lycoris,which we grow here,these other bulbs must be purchased in advance of the season.Last year,we had a good quantity of them on hand,then purchased more,and again more,and still we did not have enough.Why not save the chance of disappointment,by ordering them now.We will send them to you at the proper time.And for cash with the order,you may deduct 2%.Or we will bill you at shipping time.

COLCHICUM.

AUTUMNALE.Large lavender cups,sometimes two inches across.Blooms appear in succession,over a long period.35¢ each;10 for $3.00.
AUTUMNALE ALBUM.The white form of the preceding.A very lovely and charming flower.35¢ each;10 for $3.00.

CROCUS.

SATIVUS.Large,lilac purple flowers,with a showy orange center.The flowers appear over a long period,and at a time when they are fully appreciated.10¢ each;10 for 50¢;100 for $4.00
SPECIOSUS.Bright blue,with deep orange anthers.Slightly larger,and very showy.10¢ each;10 for 50¢;100 for $4.00
ZONATUS.Beautiful large rose-lilac blossoms,with yellow center and an orange zone.A striking beauty,of delightful coloring.Prices same.
MIXED.A mixture of above-10 for 50¢;100 for $3.50

LYCORIS.

SQUAMIGERA.This is the hardy Amaryllis.After the leafy spring growth dies down,tall stems,topped with heads of tubular pink flowers,spring from the earth.The color is very fine,and the bulb perfectly hardy.It is a fine thing to plant with Hemerocallis,prolonging the season of bloom,for one,and the Daylily leaves serve to clothe the bare stems of the other.Will grow well in partial shade.Strong bulbs,$1.00 each.

CAMASSIAS.

Of the bulbs from the far West,that we have tried,the Camassias are the most satisfactory.One form is found in the middle West,the other only on the far coast.While they flower in the Spring,they are dormant,early in summer,and should be planted fairly early in Fall, at the latest.3-4" deep,is about right,and avoid fresh manure.Do not disturb a clump,when once planted.They will stand much moisture in their flowering season,but like to be dry,during the summer.

ESCULENTA.Two foot spikes of blue flowers,in May.15¢ each;10 for $1.25
LEICHTLINI.A taller and stronger Western form.Light,clear blue flowers, in three foot spikes.25¢ each;10 for $1.50.
Either variety,$12.00 per 100,postpaid.